

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

June 9, 2005, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2005.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Petition Comcast for a Grant of Location to install 150 ft. of conduit at 43-45 Cross St.
4. Petition Comcast for a Grant of Location to install 18 ft. of conduit at 24-28 Marshall St.
5. Petition NStar Electric for a Grant of Location to install 19 ft. of conduit at 24-28 Marshall St.
6. Petition RCN-Becocom LLC for a Grant of Location to install 18 ft. of conduit at 24-28 Marshall St.
7. Petition Verizon for a Grant of Location to install 18 ft. of conduit at 24-28 Marshall St.
8. Petition The Auto Clinic for a New Garage License at 308 McGrath Hwy, for 12 autos.
9. Petition E-Z Auto Body for a New Garage License at 631 Somerville Ave., for 38 autos.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

10. Citation By Ald. O'Donovan and the Entire Board, Congratulating Carmela Gagliardi on the happy occasion of her 80th birthday.

11. Citation By the Entire Board, Recognizing the Pop Warner Football Somerville Junior Highlanders players and coaches for representing Somerville and winning the 2004 Greater Boston League B Team Championship.
12. Resolution By Ald. Pero, That this Board honors the following Somerville veterans who were killed in the month of June during the Viet Nam conflict: Army Corporal Donald L. Curtin, killed 6/19/69, age 24; Army PFC Kenneth L. Green, killed 6/22/67, age 20; Army Sgt. John V. Quintal, killed 6/19/68, age 24; Marine Gunnery Sgt. William F. Gunsett, killed 6/15/68, age 33; and Marine PFC Thomas D. Latanowich, killed 6/20/68, age 20.
13. Order By Ald. Pero, That the City Solicitor respond as to the process for establishing a new name for a street or road.
14. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti from the corner of Wheatland St. and Broadway.
15. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works report the process by which the city sets water rates.
16. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalks at the corner of Richdale Ave. and Essex St.
17. Resolution By Ald. Pero, That the Administration form a neighborhood re-use committee for the City Hall Annex at the corner of Evergreen Ave. and Thurston St.
18. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Chief of Police enforce the No Right Turn - 7 AM to 9 AM restriction onto Temple St. from Mystic Ave.
19. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the grass at Conway Park and install signs prohibiting vehicle parking on landscaping and walkways in the park.
20. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works cut the grass and maintain landscaping at Concord Square, Placa Portuguese, in preparation for Portuguese Celebration Day on June 19.
21. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the garden next to the Lincoln Park tot lot and remove any broken pieces of the iron fencing which surrounds the garden.

22. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Engineer provide the Ward 2 Alderman with approximate start and end dates for repaving designated streets in Ward 2
23. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols at the vacant lot between Woodbine and Central Sts., at the Maxpak site and the Lowell St. bridge, at Albion Park, and at Lexington Park and the bike path.
24. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works order Verizon to remove the hanging wire near 12 Centre St.
25. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at the corner of Kidder and Pritchard Aves.
26. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the City Arborist to inspect the tree that was struck by Cooper Paving Co. at Albion and Centre Sts.
27. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree near 2-4 Rogers Ave.
28. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD inspect the vacant lot next to 27 Adams St. and order the owner to cut and clean it.
29. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief Fire Engineer inspect the intersection of Cedar St. and Highland Ave. for a fire lane along the East Cambridge Savings Bank.
30. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Health contact the City of Boston to seek assistance with our city's rodent problem.
31. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police and the Commissioner of Public Works coordinate a meeting with the Cambridge Health Alliance and the Ward 5 Alderman to discuss safety issues at the vacant lot between Woodbine and Central Sts., owned by the Alliance.
32. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Clerk notify the US Postal Service to remind mail carriers to do their best to not leave rubber bands at the mailboxes, as they get into the hands of children.
33. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD inspect the vacant lot at the corner of Cedar St. and Highland Ave. and notify the owner of any and all code violations.

34. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the tree on Kidder Ave. near 65 Pearson Ave.
35. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Connolly, That the City Clerk notify the MBTA to replace the bus stop sign at the corner of Pearson Rd. and Broadway.
36. Order By Ald. O'Donovan and Connolly, That the City Clerk notify the MBTA to repair the waiting benches at the corner of Pearson Rd. and Broadway.
37. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan and Taylor, That the Administration prioritize the budget to allow for the opening of Engine 4 at Lowell St.
38. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Director of SPCD inspect the security fence surrounding the Assembly Sq. construction site on Middlesex Ave. across from the 99 Restaurant, and review with the developer any other security measures, and report back to this Board.
39. Resolution Resolution By Ald. Sullivan, White, Roche, Trane and Pero, That in the future, the DCR coordinate all activities affecting Somerville's roadways with the Police, Fire, Traffic and Parking, and Public Works Depts., as this Board is displeased with the failure of the DCR to notify them of their recent work on McGrath Hwy.
40. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols for the rear of 40 Holland St. and 36 College Ave. and Park St. to cite early morning trash pick-ups for noise violations and for deliveries prior to 7 AM.
41. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree at 36 Pearson Rd. for disease, and take all action necessary to correct the uplifted sidewalk and damage to the homeowners wall.
42. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the bicycle chained to the sign pole at 33-35 Lowden Ave.
43. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police install the speed board on Wallace St.
44. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Health, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief of Police eliminate the homeless sleeping area on the bikepath at Thorndike St., and that the Chief of Police issue a directed patrol from sunset to sunrise to prevent re-use of this area.

45. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place signs restricting left turns between 4-7 PM and 7-9 AM, except for residents, at the corners of Victoria St. at Broadway, Endicott Ave. at Broadway and Garrison Ave. at Broadway.

46. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works review the rules and regulations for storage units on city owned property to ensure that damage will not be done to streets and sidewalks.

47. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That the Administration begin working on a plan to consolidate the School Dept. functions of Personnel, Payroll and Information Technology into the same city depts. to reduce costs, and channel any savings into the School Dept. budget to save teaching positions.

48. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That the Dedication Committee consider dedicating one of the baseball diamonds at Conway Park in memory of the late Dennis McKenna.

49. Order By Ald. Trane & Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect Kingston St. and Campbell Park for damage caused by a storage container on a city way.

50. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol in the evening at Dickerman Park, at Ibbetson and Craigie Sts, especially on Friday- Sunday, 8 PM - 2 AM.

51. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol in the rear of the Prospect Hill Park area abutting the odd numbered properties on Columbus Ave.

52. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Health address the rodent and trash problem at 10-12 Prescott St.

53. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Health address the trash problem at 58-60 Atherton St. and investigate the possibility of requiring the realty co. to obtain a dumpster.

54. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the fence in the rear of the Recreation Building that abuts 11R Sanborn Ave.

55. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the depression in front of 33 Hamlet St.

56. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, Roche, Pero, Connolly, White, Trane, Heuston and Desmond, That this Board supports the efforts of the employees of the Walnut Street Center to unionize and encourages the administration to allow their employees to decide freely if they want a union.
57. Order By Ald. White, That the Commissioner of Public Works inform this Board of the policies and procedures in place to insure that the city is not charged for waste from outside the city that is brought to the Waste Transfer Station, and that ineligible waste is not picked up by Russell Disposal and dropped at the Waste Transfer Station.
58. Order By Ald. White, That the DPW Engineering Division coordinate the issuance of permits to open streets for water and sewer service with the Police and the Ward Alderman so as to minimize adverse neighborhood impacts from traffic detouring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

59. Citation By The Entire Board, Commending Elena Capobianco on the happy occasion of her 92nd birthday.
60. Citation By Ald. Sullivan, Connolly and the Entire Board, Commending Felix Sabatino and Annette Serrao of La Contessa Bakery in Davis Square on more than 30 years of service to the city.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

61. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to use FY05 funds to pay \$10,200 in prior year bills in the Personnel PS Account.
62. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to use FY05 funds to pay \$1,473.80 in prior year bills in the DPW OM Account.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$11,570 grant from FEMA, awarded by the United Way, to fund an Emergency Food and Shelter program.
64. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$2,232 grant from the MA Office of Public Safety, for the Fire Dept.'s participation in the Operation Atlas exercise.
65. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$1,221.90 grant from the MA Office of Public Safety, for the Fire Dept.'s participation in a District 2 Table Top exercise.

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| 66. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the amendment of Ordinance 3-34 regarding off-leash areas for use by dogs. |
| 67. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the amendment of Ordinance 12-51 regarding off-leash areas for use by dogs. |
| 68. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to exempt the position of Asst. Superintendent of School Custodians from the provisions of Civil Service Law. |
| 69. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the re-appointment of William Medeiros as Constable. |
| 70. | Mayor's Comm. | Conveying a draft RFP to lease space for the Police Dept. |

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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| 71. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Capital Planning, June 9. |
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COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

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| 72. | City Officer Comm. | Police Chief responding to #178789 re: a better way to drop off and pick up children at the Capuano School. |
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NEW BUSINESS

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| 73. | Public Occ. | <u>Public Property Occupancy Permit</u>
Teen Empowerment Soul Food BBQ, Trum Field, June 11, 1-4PM. |
| 74. | Public Occ. | High School JSA Chapter Canning Drive, McGrath Hwy., June 12 & 19, 10AM-3PM. |
| 75. | Public Occ. | Wallace St. Block Party, June 25, 3-7PM. |
| 76. | Public Occ. | Summertime in Somerville, Trum Field and Franey Rd.,
Fireworks June 30, 9PM-Midnight (Rain date July 9), and
Family Fun Day July 2, 9AM-6PM (Rain date July 10). |
| 77. | Public Occ. | Open Air Circus children's circus & theatre program,
Nunziato Field, Aug. 5-7, 2-7PM. |
| 78. | Public Occ. | M&S Beauty Supply/Haitian Coalition Multicultural
Festival, Conway Park, Aug. 28, 12-9PM. |
| 79. | Used Car Lic | <u>New Used Car Dealer Class II License</u>
Somerville Avenue Auto, 595 Somerville Ave. |

- 80. Flamm. Lic. **Renewal of Flammables License**
Broadway Petroleum Inc., 1284-1286 Broadway, 23,500 gallons.
- 81. Garage Lic. **Renewal of Garage License**
Upnorth Ltd. Inc. dba U-Save Auto Rental, 70 Prospect St., 6 autos.
- 82. Outdoor Seat **Renewal of Outdoor Seating/Goods License**
Boston Rental Exchange Inc., 12 Winter St., Metal sign attached to building.
- 83. Drainlayer **Renewal of Drainlayer License**
JP Vara Inc.
- 84. Taxi Med. **Renewal of Taxicab Medallion**
Honey Cab Inc., Medallion #82.
- 85. Taxi Med. J & J Transportation, Medallion #74.
- 86. Taxi Med. DRQ Taxi Inc., Medallion #27.
- 87. Comm. **Communication**
Lawrence Paolella requesting that the Board of Aldermen ask the Mayor to post the proposed FY06 municipal budget on the city's website.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM